

Convicts Fight Fire They May Have Started

Sing Sing Officials Begin Investigation on Hint of Plot to Burn Prison That Results in \$250,000 Loss

Second Blaze in Two Days

Lack of Water Hinders Work of Saving Buildings as Guards Man All the Walls

SING SING, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Investigations were started to-night by Warden Edward V. Brophy and Superintendent of Prisons Charles M. Rattigan into the fire, thought to be incendiary, which destroyed three buildings inside the Sing Sing prison walls to-day. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

Added importance is attached by officials to the belief that prisoners started the fire by the fact, learned to-night, that there was another fire within the prison walls yesterday. It was discovered in a closet in the administration building and was extinguished quickly.

Warden Brophy, returning to-night from Albany, said he would start at once to question guards and prisoners to try to learn the cause of the fire. Superintendent Rattigan, who reached the prison to-night, talked to a few of the officers, then announced that thus far, he had uncovered no evidence of a plot.

Most of the institution's 1,300 prisoners were in the yard near by when the blaze was seen springing from the east and wagon building shortly after 7 o'clock this morning.

Guards Rushed to Walls

Several short blasts of the prison alarm and the guards and the country-side that firefighters were needed. It was also the signal for a rush of additional guards to the walls, as a precaution against a possible jail delivery.

When firemen from Ossining arrived at the prison walls, they were not at first admitted. Armed men were rushed to the river fence and along the railroad tracks. The gates were opened. Then it was discovered that the prison's main water supply had been cut off through building operations and that the firemen had only a small stream from the village to depend on.

Fanned by a brisk wind, the flames spread to the blacksmith shop, fifty feet away, then jumped to the foundry, thirty feet further on. By the time the firemen were admitted and had access to an adequate water supply it was seen that the three buildings, with their contents, were doomed, and all efforts were turned to preventing the spread of the fire from the prison proper.

Prison Industry Halted

At 10 o'clock the fire was under control. A few of the prisoners had been allowed to help fight it, but for the most part the convicts were merely interested spectators. Prison officials tampered with the fire delivery was tampered with. The fire delivery was tampered with. The fire delivery was tampered with.

Schermerhorn's Family Believe Him Now Sane

Will Apply to Court to Have His \$375,000 Estate Restored to Him

Lock Three North River

Pier Watchmen in Refrigerator and Load Two Trucks With Plunder

The family of Ames Cotting Schermerhorn, who was sent to the Bloomingdale Asylum for treatment a year ago, after a board of officers of the United States Army Medical Corps had declared him mentally incompetent, will apply to have him pronounced legally sane, it was learned yesterday. This action, if successful, will restore to him property worth \$375,000, now in the custody of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.

Mr. Schermerhorn received his commission as a lieutenant in the army in 1915, and was assigned to foreign service. While on a train approaching Quebec, from which port he was to sail for France, he is said to have acted so "violently" that he was ordered to return to Washington. He was examined and sent to Bloomingdale.

In February, 1918, a sheriff's jury found him incompetent. By an order of the Supreme Court, New York County, his wife, Georgia Cunningham Schermerhorn, the army's nominee, and his cousin, Alfred E. Schermerhorn, of his property, which was ordered to be placed in the custody of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.

On June 19, 1919, a board of officers, sitting at Hoboken, declared Mr. Schermerhorn sane, and he was discharged from the army. He was named by this board the family and the trust company decided to apply for a similar decision by the civil authorities. Dr. William C. Busch, who has cared for him, says he believes Mr. Schermerhorn has recovered entirely.

\$800,000 Worth of Stolen Securities Traced to Holders

Most of the missing bonds passed through hands of Sullivan & Co., 10 Wall Street. Officials Declare

More than \$800,000 worth of high class securities, stolen in numerous thefts and holdups in the financial district here in the last four months, have been located in Washington, Philadelphia and New York, it was said yesterday at the office of District Attorney Swann, who is conducting an investigation into the activities of a band of thieves.

Most of this sum, Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooley declared, has been traced through the firm of Sullivan & Co., 10 Wall Street, and its various branches, established all over the country. David W. Sullivan and Norman S. Bowles, members of the firm, are under arrest.

Another development of the day was the report that \$500,000 additional in stolen securities, including tobacco, railroad, steel and various industrial stocks, had been located in several prominent New York financial establishments, the proprietors of which for the most part are said to have been made unwitting tools of the thieves.

Inspector Grant, head of the police force of Washington, which has become the "hub" of the scheme for trading securities and obtaining loans on them, was said to have advised Assistant District Attorney Swann that fully \$600,000 worth of stolen securities had been located there.

Among these securities, Inspector Grant declared, were 100 shares of Mexican Petroleum, valued at \$200,000; share certificates for the same stock, valued at \$60,000; had been found in Philadelphia. In that city Sullivan's firm is said by Mr. Swann to have succeeded in getting loans of \$95,000 by offering as collateral stocks worth \$140,000.

A system by which messenger boys could be relieved of their valuable consignments of stocks and bonds without the necessity of a secret road up was devised and put into practice with great success, Mr. Dooley said.

Sullivan was indicted yesterday on a charge of criminally receiving stolen property. He has been under arrest since Tuesday. The charge against him is that he received stolen Crucible Steel stock worth \$48,000.

Samuel Mordecai Horowitz, who was held in \$10,000 bail each yesterday by Magistrate Cobb, in the Tombs court, for examination next week. They are charged with a conspiracy of grand larceny, in an alleged effort to dispose of a 100-share certificate of American Hide and Leather Company, stock, the property of Miller & Co., brokers, of 120 Broadway.

Robbers Cart Off Barrels of Liquor In \$35,000 Raid

Lock Three North River

Pier Watchmen in Refrigerator and Load Two Trucks With Plunder

Four armed men raided the West Shore Railroad pier at Harrison Street and the North River last night, locked its three watchmen securely in the refrigerator and drove off with two auto trucks which they had leisurely loaded with barrels of whisky and case goods, valued at \$35,000.

The trucks rolled to the pier-head in business-like fashion, and the one of the band jumped off, and rapped on the door of the pier office. Charles Hubert, a watchman, opened the door when the knocker shouted that he then a "boatman," with business on one of the boats at the bulkhead.

As Hubert led the way into the office, he was spun around, and found himself looking at a revolver pointed at his head. Three other men then entered, and finding there were two other watchmen, they backed Hubert against the wall and waited.

As the watchmen, David Nathanson and John Matasso, appeared they were in turn surprised and ranged along side Hubert. The three were then marched to an icehouse where wine and butter were stored, shoved in, and the door fastened with a padlock.

The marauders started to work on the barrels and cases of liquor on the pier awaiting shipment out of the country. They dumped 500 cases of bonded goods on the trucks and rolled and hauled six barrels aboard. About an hour after the trucks were seen to disappear on West Street a real "boatman" heard the yells and howling of the imprisoned watchmen and released them.

About the same time four other hold-up men entered the steamship and express agency of David Meadow, at 130 Avenue D, and took \$700 in cash, bonds and valuables, fired a shot which grazed his head and fled with Meadow in pursuit.

Meadow kept up the chase for several blocks until he collapsed from the effect of his wound at Twelfth Street and Avenue D. He was treated by a Bellevue Hospital doctor. He then told that he was closing up when the four men entered his store.

The apparent leader, a man of short stature, asked Meadow to purchase liberty bonds. While the dealer was protesting that it was too late for business one of the quartet went outside. As he did so the small man dashed a revolver.

One of the band covered Meadow while the other two rifled his cash drawer and took his watch and chain. While they were trying to open the safe there was a rap on the window from the man on guard. As they fled one of the men turned near the door and fired at Meadow, the shot grazing his scalp.

Borden's Not to Advance Milk Price to Consumers

Increase Made by Producers Already Taken Into Account

Fox Explains

The price of milk to the consumer will not be advanced by the Borden's Farm Products Company despite the increased price paid by the company to the milk producers, Patrick D. Fox, vice-president of the firm, announced yesterday.

On Friday the Dairywomen's League announced the farmer had added three-quarters of a cent a quart to his price.

Mr. Fox explained that the increase of two cents a quart for November took into consideration the increase in the producers' price for December. The cost to the distributors is always raised in December, Mr. Fox said, because the dairywomen's added costs of production.

"In August," Mr. Fox said, "the producers advanced their price to one-quarter of a cent a quart, but our price to the consumer was not changed. In September the producers advanced their price one-sixth of a cent, and again we did not pass it on to the consumer, because our current price had been calculated to cover the average for the three months period."

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Police Are Seeking A Woman to Solve Lemke Death Case

Former Friend of the Dead Youth Left Her Quarters Immediately After Body Was Found, It Is Said

With the opening of the John Doe inquiry into the mysterious death of John W. Lemke on his motor boat off College Point on October 19, the name of a woman was for the first time brought into the case by the Queens County authorities yesterday.

William J. Morris, Assistant District Attorney, announced that he was trying to find a certain woman, declared to have been a friend of the young man. Detectives looking for her at the Hotel Netherlands, where she lived, he said, reported she had disappeared. She is about twenty-five years old, he declared, and is said to have been introduced to the boy by his father, William Lemke, a wealthy manufacturer, of 221 Parsons Avenue, Flushing, after the son's discharge from the navy.

She is expected to be able to throw some light on how young Lemke came to his death, and the girl, it is said, by the feminine attire in which his body was found when found. With regard to this phase of the mystery, Mr. Morris said he had been informed that one of this apartment was purchased at the store of Charles Rubin, 164 Forest Avenue, Flushing.

Mrs. Rubin told reporters yesterday she recalled seeing the gingham wrapper, corset cover and his coat, which she found on the Lemke youth about a year ago, but she couldn't remember to whom she sold them. She recalled that one of the shoes had an old spot on the cloth upper. There was a spot on one of the Lemke shoes.

The assistant prosecutor said he also had been informed that a young girl had identified a certain Lemke as the young man to whom she sold a pair of bloomers similar to those he wore when found strangled. Lemke, he story goes, tried the bloomers on in the presence of his father, who said to have frightened her with his antics.

Sixteen witnesses were questioned by the authorities yesterday, including the mother, father and sister of the dead boy. At the end of the day, Mr. Morris said the testimony submitted was substantially the same as that so far brought out by the informal inquiry by the police. The father and mother still insist, he said, that their son had no reason to take his life. They said he was perfectly normal, had everything he wanted, and that there had been no quarrel which could have led him to kill himself.

Court Upholds Right of Movies to Film Any One

Mrs. Hamiston Loses Suit Against Exhibition of Herself in News Weekly

The showing of motion pictures of outdoor events, it was decided by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday, cannot be enjoined by court order just because some person in the picture objects to the exhibition of himself. Under this ruling the court yesterday dismissed the suit brought by Mrs. Grace Hamiston, lawyer and investigator, against the Universal Film Manufacturing Company for \$200,000 damages and an injunction to cause the defendant film her for its news weekly.

Mrs. Hamiston's action was based on pictures taken of her while she was engaged in the search for the body of Ruth Cruger, who was killed by Alfred Cocchi, the automobile repair man, who buried the body of the girl under the cellar floor of his shop.

Women-Convicted in Rent Strike Conspiracy

Members of Tenants' League Are Found Guilty After Hearing by Judge Kernochan

Mrs. Hilda B. Weser, of 1411 Madison Avenue; Mrs. Fannie Bolzer, of 1245 Park Avenue; and Mrs. George Breitman, of 70 East 100th Street, were convicted yesterday before Judge Kernochan for conspiracy to cause a rent strike in the apartment houses of Park Avenue, where they formerly lived.

The defendants all admitted being members of the Harlem branch of the Greater New York Tenants' League. A statement of the conspiracy was read to the court that the Harlem branch had been disavowed by the league because of its communistic tendencies.

Judge Kernochan said he would suspend the sentences until November 25, pending an investigation as to whether they had formed the conspiracy of their own volition.

Children Are Rescued From Fire by Policemen

Youngsters Are Marched on Roof to Safety; Woman Also Is Saved

Two policemen marshalled the children of thirty families living in the tenement at 324 East 100th Street shortly before noon yesterday and marched them to the roof after a fire had broken out in a chocolate paper store on the first floor.

The children leaped a coping to the roof of the building adjacent, and made their way to the street. The policemen, Edward Barry and Leonard Matthews, of the East 100th Street station, then made their way back through the smoke filled corridors and reached the roof. The girl, who was in her room unconscious, was in her room unconscious.

The fire loss is estimated at \$5,000.

Young Woman Falls From Twelfth Floor

Agnes Zulauf, Twenty-two Years Old, Leaned From a Window on the Twelfth Floor of the Apartment House at 324 West 103d Street, Yesterday Afternoon to Wave Goodbye to Her Mother, Who Was in the Street Below. A Few Seconds Later She Fell and Was Killed.

The mother, Mrs. John C. Zulauf, had turned the corner of 103d Street and Riverside Drive when she heard her daughter shriek. Patrolman Charles Fitzmaurice, of the West 100th Street Station, also heard the cry. The girl was dead when an ambulance arrived. Her father is in St. Luke's Hospital, where he was operated upon for appendicitis several days ago.

Dr. Wilkins Not Named in Will of Murdered Wife

College of the City of New York Gets \$1,000; Other Institutions Benefit

MINEOLA, L. I., Nov. 21.—The will of Mrs. Julia K. Wilkins, whose husband, Dr. Walter K. Wilkins, took his own life after his conviction of her murder, was filed for probate today in the Surrogate's office here. It was executed June 26, 1903, before her marriage to Dr. Wilkins, and he is not mentioned in it. He was a beneficiary in a later will which never was signed by Mrs. Wilkins.

The testatrix left to her nephew, Edgar K. Pitke, of her nephew, Evelyn A. Pitke, her interest in eight lots in Harrison, N. J., in which they also have an interest. Her jewelry and clothing she divided among relatives and friends. She left a similar bequest to the Norml College of the City of New York.

To the Zeta Chapter of the Phi Sigma Kappa Society, of the City of New York is left \$1,000; to the Gamma Chi Chapter of the Theta Nu Epsilon Society, New York City, \$500; to the German Hospital, \$1,000; to the Ladies' Canteen Society, \$1,000; to Mr. and Mrs. George Kaiser, janitor and janitress at 435 West Forty-first Street, \$200; to Mrs. Osborne, janitress at 422 Greenwich Street, \$100.

Mine-Sweeping Fleet Home From North Sea

Fifty-nine Vessels Will Be Reviewed by Daniels Monday Morning in North River

The United States mine-sweeping fleet, after months of dangerous service in the North Sea, steamed up the bay and anchored in the North River yesterday morning. The fleet is under the command of Rear Admiral Joseph Strauss and is composed of thirty-four minesweepers, three submarine chasers and two repair ships. The total personnel is 3,500.

At 10:30 Monday morning the fleet will be reviewed by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. The review will be followed by a luncheon in the Secretary's honor aboard the Columbia, flagship of Admiral House.

Motion to Punish Craig For Contempt Argued

His Counsel Denies Supreme Court Injunction Was Violated and Calls It Worthless

Charles L. Craig, City Comptroller, appeared yesterday before Justice Manning in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court. Justice Manning reserved decision after hearing the arguments of Leonard M. Wallstein, counsel for William J. Schieffelin, chairman of the Citizens Union, and Assistant Corporation Counsel Mayer for the Comptroller.

The action was brought by Mr. Schieffelin, the allegation being made that Craig had sold \$10,000,000 of city bonds early this year in violation of a Supreme Court injunction.

"The records show that the sale must have been deliberate and wilful," Wallstein said. "Comptroller Craig admits the service of the injunction order, but he stuck it into his pocket and let his subordinates do as they wished."

Mr. Mayer said, for the Comptroller, that the transaction was practically completed before the service of the injunction, and that the subsequent sale was purely clerical. He said the injunction was worthless because it did not give any reasons.

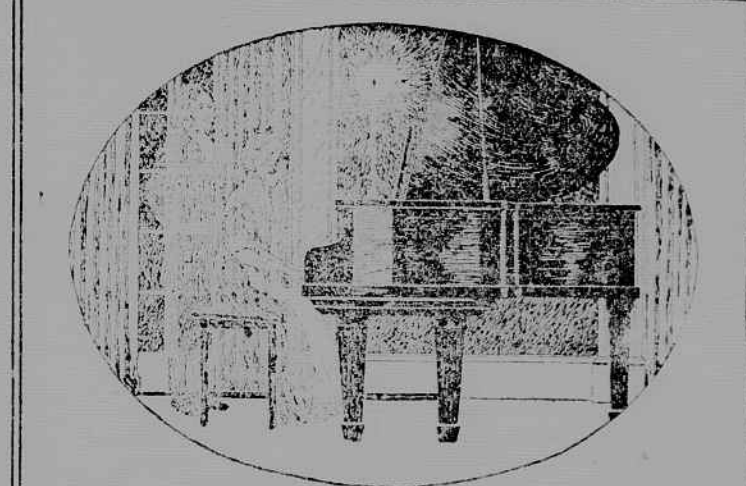
Toy World Parade, Today, 10.30 a. m.

But the Toy Store is open all day from 9 to 5:30. All this time Jack-and-the-Bean-Stalk, the Christmas spectacle, is going on. And Santa Claus sits on his Bubble Throne, shaking hands with little children and giving them favors.



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